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From the Oval Office

By Susan Swiderski, AF4FO, GARS President

Hi, Everybody,

If you missed the last GARS meeting, we missed YOU. Hope you can make it to one of our meetings real soon.

The May Meeting will be held at the J & A Building Cafeteria on May 17, and the featured speaker will be Steve Diggs, W4EPI, on "Amateur Radio in Space". Steve, former president of the Alford Memorial Radio Club, is a real guru when it



comes to satellite communication, and he does a terrific program. Also on the May agenda will be David Siskind, KE4QLH, who'll talk a bit about communications needs at the Georgia Games, and our VP Sid, K4SID, who'll tell

us about some options we have regarding establishing a GARS scholarship program.

Also, and this is IMPORTANT, the decision about whether or not we will continue to do Dog Shows will be made at the May meeting. If you can work the August 25, 26, 27 dog show and haven't already told me so, Contact me at (770) 449-0369 or at af4fo@arrl.net. The final opportunity to sign up will be at the May meeting. So far,

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The famous Gordon, KF4OKA, uses an antenna to keep his head upright while taking an afternoon nap.

See the story and pictures from the most recent "Ham" dinner on page 11.

THE GARZETTE

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HOT FREQUENCIES

By Barry Zoll, N1TOQ

This month's frequencies are the "public service" type. Many of today's amateur equipment is capable of tuning 150,440, and 800 mhz frequencies but unless you purchase a scanner with "trunk tracking" capabilities, it will be difficult to monitor the latest action with police, fire and some business bands. Here is a list of frequencies that you may find interesting:

Gwinnett County Police	460.2750
Gwinnett County Police	460.4500
Gwinnett School Maintenance	155.1150
Gwinnett School Buses	153.8600
Snellville Public Works	453.5000
Gwinnett County EMS	155.2050
Buford City Utilities	154.9800

Programs Coming Up at GARS Meetings

By Bill Ahls, AB0KF

The following presentations will be made at upcoming GARS Meetings:

17-May-01 QCWA by Mary Ahls, W4NZJ

16-Aug-01 Maximize Receiver Effectivity by Larry Scheff, W4QEJ

Read Larry's two-part article in February and March 2001 QST. He is suggesting a good technique for HF radio. Please email to me questions for Larry's presentation at AB0KF@arrl.net. Did you try or do you use Larry's method of selectivity? It's a very interesting article and worth the read. If you don't have copies of the February and March QST's and you are a member of the ARRL, go to www.arrl.org as they will be posted there. 73

Bill Ahls
AB0KF

The Oval Office

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about half of the people needed signed up to continue this commitment. LET ME KNOW.

I told Barry that I'd try to "keep it short" this month, but I absolutely MUST say something about the wonderful amateur radio presentation put on by this club at Richards Middle School on April 18. I set this up on pure blind faith, without knowing for sure how many, if any, club members would be able to help make it happen. Heartfelt thanks go out to Pickett, AD4S, Paul, K4HCM, Dan, KF4YSU, Scott, KF4PWI, Andrea, KG4IUM, Sharon, KG4HKO, David, KA4KKF, Harry, K4HJH, Stan, KI4H, Mike, K4HBI, and also to Ade, W4ADE, and Greg, AF4RZ, who were unable to make it at the last minute, but who were with us in spirit. We had seven different "stations" set up, and the 56 8th grade students rotated through in small groups, spending about 20 minutes at each station. At the beginning of the day, none of these students knew anything about amateur radio, but I guarantee you, they certainly did by the end

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GARS Property Inventory Project

Lawrenceville, GA – Dan Keohan, GARS Treasurer and Inventory Manager has reported that most of the GARS Inventory has been accounted for and recorded. Dan has worked tirelessly to make sure that all equipment belonging to the club has been accounted for. In an exclusive interview with the *Garzette*, Dan said "We are finishing up the inventory of GARS property. If you have any GARS property (that has not been accounted for), please notify Dan Keohan at 770-623-5750 or KF4YSU@arrl.net."

Thanks Dan for all your efforts!



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- Attend the Meetings
- Use the Email List
- Check the Website

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The True Spirit of Amateur Radio, “Hams Helping Hams”

My name is Frank Sauciunas (KF4TQV) and I want to give my thanks and appreciation to all the GARS members that were able to respond to my plea for help over the years. It was the members of GARS that provided me with the help and advice with all my Amateur Radio questions when I needed it most.

In July of 1997 I took the Novice and Technician exams and obtained my Technician License. Shortly after receiving my call sign, I received a phone call from Johnny Fearon (W4WKP) who invited me to a GARS meeting. I came to a couple meetings and liked what I saw, so I joined GARS. I joined GARS for two reasons:

First: I joined GARS to make new friends that were interested in Amateur Radio. It also helped to put a face with a call sign when I talked to a GARS member over the air. In the past few years as a member of GARS, I made many new friends. Many of the GARS members I met encouraged me to climb the Amateur Radio ladder. With the encouragement and support of members like Win Jackson (N1TWX), I was able to reach my goal of becoming an Amateur Extra in August of 2000. To give a little back to the hobby, I became a Volunteer Examiner with W5YI and work with Howie Gould (W9HG) and his VE team every forth Friday of each month in Lilburn.

Second: When I started coming to the GARS meetings, I saw a great resource of knowledge and experience in the members of GARS. I felt that, if needed, I could tap into this resource to get advice and answers to my Amateur Radio questions. Being a new Ham, I didn't want to make costly or stupid mistakes, so I asked the GARS members many questions and was able to use their advice. Well, early this March, I sent an email to the GARS email list seeking advice in putting up an inverted “V” dipole wire antenna. I was overwhelmed with responses. There were over fifteen GARS members that replied to my email giving me advice, comments and suggestions. This is when it hit me. This shows the True Spirit of Amateur Radio, “Hams Helping Hams”.

About a year ago, I bought a MFJ 6 band vertical antenna. After assembling the antenna, it had to be tuned. Ed Pierce (KT4EZ) graciously loaned me his MFJ Antenna Analyzer. Mike Brooks (N4MLB) took the time to come over to my house and taught me how to tune each band for the lowest SWR. Once again, “Hams Helping Hams”.

I would like to encourage the Officers of GARS to promote the fact that GARS has many knowledgeable and experienced Hams in the club. The GARS Officers need to encourage the new members and more especially the New Hams to utilize this resource of knowledge and experience. I also want to encourage all the members of GARS that are capable, to answer the questions of these Hams. As members of GARS, we must do all we can to give these Hams the advice and answers they are seeking. The GARS email list is an excellent way for GARS members to review and answer these questions. I would always like to think of GARS as a club full of Elmer's and never forgetting the True Spirit of Amateur Radio, “Hams Helping Hams”.

GWINNETT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

April Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2001

Submitted by Sharon Carter, KG4HKO

President Susan Swiderski, AF4FO, opened the meeting at 7:45 PM. Introduction of officers Sid, K4SID, vice president; Dan, KF4YSU, treasurer; Bill, AB0KF, activities manager and Sharon, KG4HKO, secretary. Also introduced were membership co-chairs Scott KF4PWI and Andrea KG4IUM.

Introduction of visitors: Recognition of students from demo at Richards Middle School, April 18. Brandon and sister Shawntae, Juanita and sister Christie and father Chris. Others from school expressed interest and picked up paperwork for Venture Crew. Other visitors, Sean.

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Treasurer's report by Dan - copies distributed to all. Major expense for month was liability insurance. Report accepted.

Sid has gathered information about a possible GARS scholarship program - he will present next month.

Next month's program will be presented by Steve Diggs W4EPI. The topic is ham radio in space.

June - Field Day and 25th anniversary.

OLD Business -

Dog Show - not many sign ups. Decision about participation at next meeting. ARES ready to take over if GARS does not wish to participate. Dates of next Dog Show are Friday August 24, Saturday August 25, and Sunday August 26.

Scout Expo at Gwinnett Fair Grounds next weekend (April 28). Venture will have a station. GARS operators appreciated. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Field Day - Mike, K4HBI is looking for station-

masters for 80 m phone/CW, 20 CW, 15, 6, and 70. Andrea, KG4IUM needs help with 2 m talk-in - monitor repeater, give directions. Food coordinator - Joe Biddle AD4PZ.

Paul - electronic Garzette. Please double-check phone # and e-mail. ARRL would like an e-copy of Garzette. Club agreed to send electronic copies to the editors or president of surrounding clubs. The e-version is also on our club web-site.

Field Day T-shirt designs were presented by Bill & Mary, and Andrea. Need to vote during meeting tonight - order tomorrow. The winning design was submitted by Bill and Mary Ahls.

June 16 - 17 Special Event. 25th Anniversary of GARS, and Amateur Radio Appreciation Week. Special event call is W4A. Greg AF4RZ will make certificates.

Membership (from Scott and Andrea) - sign in for tonight's meeting. Guest sheet - sign in with Andrea. Updating database, correct names and addresses - especially if not receiving Garzette.

Unsung Hero: Keeping CW alive. Inspirational in running traffic. Nominated by young lady for opening home to young hams. - Bill Carter KG4FXG

Honor to Andrea - just turned 12 and is still young enough to get excited about birthdays.

Program - Bob Allphin, K4UEE. Dxpeditiioner extroidinaire. Spoke here last in Spring of '97 about Heard Island expedition. Presentation about Dxpeditiion last October to Kingman Reef.

Saturday, April 21 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Memorial Middle School -- Tech class, with testing afterward.

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Metro Atlanta Club Meetings

First Tuesday

Metro Atlanta Telephone Pioneers

Old Hickory House
5490 Chamblee/Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody
Dutch dinner is at 6:30 PM, followed by meeting.
Talk In 145.410(-)

Kennehoochee ARC

First United Methodist Church in Marietta
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM
Talk In 146.880(-)

First Thursday

Atlanta Radio Club

American Red Cross Building, Lindberg Plaza
Meeting is at 7:30 PM
Talk In -146.820(-)

N.E. Georgia ARC

Jefferson Civic Center
Off of Memorial Dr. toward Winder from
Jefferson
Meeting is at 6:30 PM
Talk In - 147.225(+)

North Fulton Amateur Radio League

Shoney's Restaurant
Holcomb Bridge Road at Grimes Bridge Road
Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM
Talk In - 145.47(-)

Second Thursday

Alford Memorial Radio Club

Killian Hall, Killian Hill Road
Lilburn
Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM
Talk In - 146.760(-)

Second Saturday

East Atlanta LAN

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Dunwoody
Meeting is at 10:00 AM
Talk In - 145.410(-) and 443.025(+)

Third THURSDAY



Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

Central Baptist Church
Gwinnett Drive
Lawrenceville
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall.
Talk In -147.075(+) and 444.525(+)



Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule

GARS publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions.

First Sunday

WCARS VEC
2:00 PM
(Except July and September)
Johnson High School
3305 Poplar Springs RD, Gainesville
Terry Jones, W4TL (770)967-6364

First Saturday

9:00AM
Clayton County Emergency
Management Building
7496 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro
George White, KN4NG (770)361-6850

Second Tuesday

7:00PM
Walton EMC
3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA
(770)498-7759

Second Saturday, Odd Months

CA VEC
8:30 AM
Stone Mountain Methodist Church
5312 West Mountain St.
Stone Mountain
Bob Verone, W4ETN
(770)978-3179

Third Saturday

CA VEC
9:00AM
Marietta First United Methodist Church
Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave
Marietta
Larry Huff, WA4CQZ
(770)955-3171

Fourth Tuesday

ARRL VEC
7:00 PM
United Way Service Center
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK
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Fourth Friday

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Lanier Mountain, Snellville

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Lanier Mountain, Snellville

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On the Air with David Adcock KA4KKF

By Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM

Mr. Karl Phillips K4GZZ used to do a monthly article called 'On the Air.' He did this for four years, and he did his last article in February of 2000. So, 'On the Air' has not been written in a little over a year. Ms. Susan AF4FO asked me if I would like to do this for the GARZETTE, so here it is!

This month's featured on the air ham is David Adcock KA4KKF, our past club president. David was born in Athens, Georgia. He graduated from Monroe Area High School. He was in the navy and stationed in Charleston, South Carolina and Virginia Beach, Virginia. He had been interested in electronics and had learned more about them in the navy. He had been studying for a while when he met his elmer, Al KG4O in Virginia Beach, which was the first place a ham lived near him. He met Al through a dog club that they were in together. After David had studied with a 78 RPM record for Morse code and an ARRL study guide and handbook for three or four months, Al asked him when he was going to take the test. So, his friend Al ordered the test and David went to his house and took it. He first took the written test and then the five words per minute. They sent the test in, and twelve weeks later (in July of 1979) he was licensed. So, he was 28 years old with a novice ticket and a call sign of KA4KKF.

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of the day. Their imagination was captured by the "secret language" of Morse code, and they were fascinated at being able to talk... using a simple LASER POINTER! Some of the students signed up for the Venture crew, and four students and two parents even visited our meeting the next evening. All-in-all, a resounding success, and I can't thank those folks enough, some of whom even took a vacation day from work, for all of the preparation and hard work they put in to make it all happen.

Wanta work a pile-up by running a SPECIAL EVENT STATION? Here's your chance!

On June 16 and 17, the weekend before Field day, GARS members can run special event station W4A, to celebrate our 25th anniversary and Amateur Radio Appreciation Week. Howie, W9HG, has already volunteered to open his shack for folks to come work 20 M. (exact times TBA) If you have a favorite band that you'd like to operate, voice or CW, get in touch with me to stake your claim for band and time period. We'll also be running this event on our 2 M repeater. If you don't call me, I may be calling you... Ade, W4ADE, will be serving as QSL manager for this event, and Greg, AF4RZ, will be making the certificates. Let's have FUN with this!!

One final note, and that's a reminder to join us on May 29 on 147.075 at 8 PM for this year's special MEMORIAL DAY NET. If you have an appropriate poem or such that you'd like to share with the net, please do.

Well, that's it for now, fellow hamsters. Until next month, this is AF4FO, signing clear. 73

Help Needed for the Dacula Memorial Day Parade

We are now taking volunteers for Hams to operate at the Dacula Memorial Day 2001, which will be held on Monday, May 28, 2001.

Marvin Atherton, KG4FHB, is the organizer of the Dacula Memorial Day Parade and GARS has been supporting this event since the first parade in 1994. We gained him as a new ham at the end of 1999 and parade volunteers first heard Marvin on the air during on Memorial Day, 2000.

Bill Ahls, AB0KF, has been the GARS coordinator since 1994 for this event and has been soliciting amateur radio operators, while Marvin has done all the Dacula coordinating and parade entrants soliciting.

I appreciate all that have helped in the past and the 2001 Dacula Days Parade promises to be the best one yet! For those of you that have your favorite work spots, contact me as soon as possible at AB0KF@arrl.net and I will do my best to see that you are assigned there. I will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting and look forward to record support from GARS.

73
ab0kf

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On the Air with David, KA4KKF

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David upgraded to a technician, general, and now holds an advanced license. His first rig was a DX60B by Heath Kit transmitter and a Radio Shack receiver. He had a Manuel transmit receive kit between his antenna. He now has a HF Kenwood TS570D. He also has 2 meter, 6 meter, 70 centimeter, and APRS rigs. Presently, David's favorite part of ham radio is tinkering with equipment and making contacts. The mode he operates is PSK31. The most interesting contact he made was with someone who was flying in an airplane during the QSO, however all of his contacts have been interesting. His favorite part of GARS is the people.

David's wife's name is Sharon. Sharon is not very interested in amateur radio, but she listens to it every now and then and lets David 'play with his toys.' He has one son named Jeff who is 25 years old and not the least bit interested in amateur radio. David has always worked at Storage Tech and still does. David gives this advice to new hams: Have fun and study because things always change.

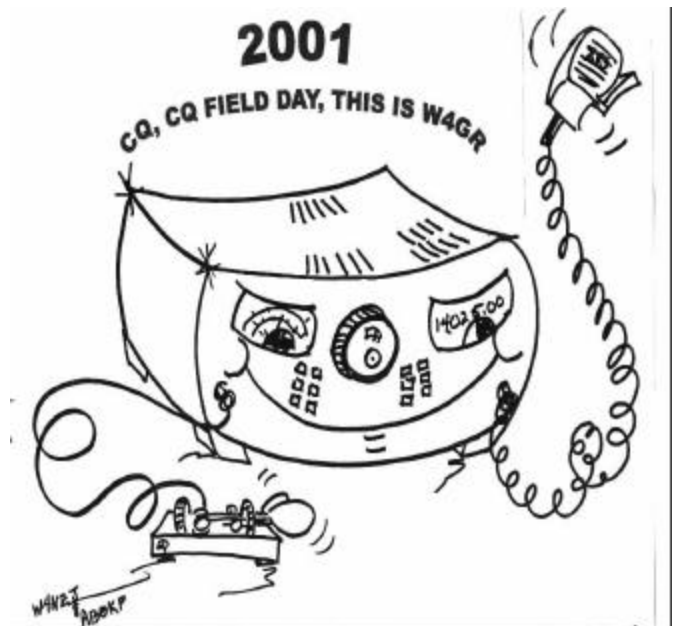
By: Andrea KG4IUM

Field Day Tee-Shirt Design Winners

Lawrenceville, GA—The April GARS meeting was the place to be when the decision was made to select the Field Day Tee Shirt design, submitted by Mary and Bill Ahls, W4NZJ and AB0KF.

The Tee Shirts commemorating Field Day 2001 will be available at the Field Day site, located at the Rhodes Jordan Park in Lawrenceville.

Congratulations Mary and Bill and thanks to all for their submissions.



Hams Gather for Saturday Night Social

Lawrenceville, GA, USA - Members of GARS and the Alford Memorial Club and others, got together for what is quickly becoming a local tradition with Hams. One Saturday per month, a site is selected and Hams and their friends are invited to dine and share in the fellowship that makes our hobby so great. The April 14th dinner was held at Valentino's Italian Restaurant in Lawrenceville. The dinners have become so popular, that Sandy Donahue, Section Manager from the ARRL, was sent to represent the league. Stay tuned to the GARS and Alford repeaters and check in with Gordon, KF4OKA on 146.76 at noon time, for the location of the May dinner. Hope to see everyone in May!



OP – ED

(The following letter was sent to GARS President Susan Swiderski, AF4FO. She has asked that it be printed with her response to follow.)

Dear Susan,

Your letter "Time to Fish or Cut Bait" has prompted me to write this letter

I have been a member of GARS for about 10 years. During that time, I have participated in almost all functions. I regularly attended the Thursday club meetings, Field day (where I HELPED MAN THE STATIONS, COOK THE FOOD, HAUL WATER, SET-UP, AND CLEAN-UP) two dog shows, ARC hamfests and parades.

As you can see, I have been an active GARS member until about two years ago. Being a GARS member was no longer fun. I thought we were a service organization that fostered Ham Radio, but we turned into a fund-raising group. I realize we need money to fund our "fun stuff", but it seems the "fun stuff" may be getting out of hand. As George W. puts it, "the more money we have, the more we tend to spend, and then we have to continue to find money to continue funding." I'm not saying that we should stop funding our repeaters or picnics, but simply find another way to pay for some of our fun stuff. Not everyone goes to picnics... so maybe picnics (or similar activities) can be funded through donations from those who go. Members can BYO, for example.

Many of us who use the 2 meter repeater add donations to our membership renewal. Since we use it, we should help pay for it.

The bottom line is that I continue to renew my membership, hoping some things might change. I have not been to a meeting in two years, because it became a forum to ask for volunteers, and make those who didn't volunteer feel ashamed that they didn't. I used to go to club meetings to learn more about Ham Radio, but all I heard was "You're a jerk for not volunteering"...obviously not in those words, but the same connotation. Two of my best buddies have

just "quit", which makes me sad... they have a lot to offer, but are perhaps more sensitive than I am to the criticism of not volunteering.

Ike and Marty have done wonderful things for the club and I love them dearly for the time the time they put in, so this memo is NOT a criticism of them or their activities.

I'm sorry I don't have specific recommendations to help out.... maybe those that use club benefits (APRS, 70 cm, 6 meter repeater, or even the 2 meter repeater) could add a bit more \$\$\$\$ when they renew their membership. BYOing to club events like picnics and parties could help relieve the treasury drain.

Anonymous (I wish I had the nerve to put my name here... sorry)

President Swiderski's response:

Dear Friend and Fellow GARS Member,

First off, I want to sincerely thank you for taking the time to write such a thoughtful letter.... and no need to apologize for remaining anonymous. That's actually good, because I, for one, could conceive of maybe a dozen different people who could have easily expressed the same exact sentiments. So, you are actually serving as a spokesperson, of sorts, for many others. And I'm one of them.

Yup, that's right, I've said many of the things that you've expressed on more than one occasion. Like you, I've volunteered for almost all functions, but unlike you, I've never worked a dog show, so my sense of "unworthiness" was off the scales at times. No matter how many things I DID do, there was always that feeling of guilt for those other things that I did NOT do. To me, sitting at a meeting where the constant stream of "sign-up" sheets were being passed around felt very much like how I imagine it would feel to be sitting in church... the offering plate comes around and you put in your money, but WAIT! here comes another plate.. and another... and another...

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And your wallet is already empty. No matter how generous the offering you placed into the first plate, those other plates can't help but make you feel lousy.

Now, I'm not saying that I think GARS should cut down on activities. The variety of projects and activities that have been successfully undertaken by this club over the years is a rightful source of pride for all of us....that's why we proudly bear the title of "Special Service Club". But I view these activities and events as "Opportunities"... NOT "Obligations".

There

are no more sign-up sheets being passed around. People who want to work an activity can come to the front table after the meeting to sign up. No pressure. And so far, no problem getting volunteers, either.

So, I'm asking you to please come back. We are working hard to come up with good, enjoyable, and informative programs and to make meetings a time of good fun and fellowship.

Sincerely,
Susan, AF4FO

April Meeting Notes*(Continued from page 5)*

Venture Crew -- would like to borrow equipment for Scoutland radio badge training this summer. Fund Raiser -- Battery sales: AA and AAA -- \$10 for 12 pack. Organizer rack \$25 - includes 6 AA and 6AAA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM

Next month's meeting will be held in the cafeteria of the Justice and Administration center.

Field Day*By Mike Swiderski, K4HBI*

Folks, Field day is just around the corner and what makes the GARS field day so great is the food and the fun. If each and every person just grabbed a little piece of the field day work, field day will be even better than last year. Well to have field day, an emergency preparedness exercise, we need stations or we might as well just stay home. GARS is scheduled to run 6A class this year and the Chairman, Bob, W4ETN, has broken the stations down as follows:

Band / Mode**Call / Name**

80 Phone/CW

OPEN

40 Phone/CW

WE5O Ron Langston
W4WKP Johnny Fearon

20 Phone

K4HS Randy Drescher

20 CW

OPEN

15 Phone/CW

KA4KKF David Adcock

10 Phone/CW

W4ETN Bob Varone

6M SSB/FM

OPEN

2M SSB/FM

KD4HNNH David Knowles

70CM SSB/FM

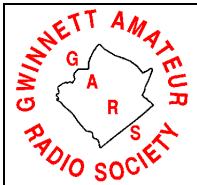
OPEN**2 Meter FM Talk in - KG4IUM Andrea Hartlage**

To volunteer for an open position, please contact K4HBI or Bob W4ETN both at arrl.net. To sign up for operating, please contact the band captain. 73

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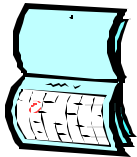
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Upcoming Events

Committee Chairs:

Let's fill this feature with dates and events to keep GARS members looking ahead!



May 2001

Executive committee
17th GARS Club Meeting

June 2001

Executive committee
21st GARS Club Meeting
23th-25th FIELD DAY

July 2001

Executive committee
19th GARS Club Meeting

August 2001

Executive committee
16th GARS Club Meeting

September 2001

Executive committee
20th GARS Club Meeting

October 2001

Executive committee
18th GARS Club Meeting

Meeting Time
&
Location

3rd Thursday, 7:30 PM
Central Baptist
Church,
Gwinnett Drive,
Lawrenceville
Talk in 147.075(+) MHz
82.5 PL Tone